



## Important Fourth of July Holiday Information

[www.newportbeachca.gov/july4](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/july4)

In response to community concerns, the City of Newport Beach has modified its public safety procedures for the Fourth of July in West Newport. This notice provides important information about vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access for July 4, 2010. Though most residents and business owners are well versed in the City's increased public safety efforts for the Fourth of July, we've included some reminders about what is allowed and not allowed in Newport Beach. Finally, you will find some information to share with visiting friends and family about the beaches, piers, parking and events planned for the holiday weekend.

### Street Closures & Access for 2010:

There will be a smaller street closure area and a shorter closure time period this year. The proposed closure area on Balboa Blvd. will be six blocks shorter and the closure will end about 4½ hours earlier than in the past. (Detour map enclosed, please visit [www.newportbeachca.gov/july4](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/july4) for additional maps.)

The following streets will be closed on Sunday, July 4 from 12 p.m. (noon) to approximately 6 p.m.\*

- West Balboa Blvd. from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to W. Coast Highway - Closed to eastbound vehicular traffic. No access to all numbered streets between W. Balboa Blvd. and Seashore Dr. in the closure area.
- No vehicle, bicycle or pedestrian entry permitted to the Balboa Peninsula at W. Balboa Blvd. & Coast Hwy. Bikes and pedestrians will be allowed within the closure area, but no bicyclists or pedestrians can enter the closure area via the intersection at W. Balboa & Coast Hwy.
- Vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists must access the Balboa Peninsula via Newport Blvd. or Prospect St.
- Seashore Dr. between 38<sup>th</sup> St. and 51<sup>st</sup> St. - Closed to all vehicular traffic (limited ability to leave the area for some residents). Bikes and pedestrians are allowed in the closure area.
- Vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians will still be able to exit the Balboa Peninsula by traveling westbound on Balboa Blvd.

**\*Please note:** Closure times are approximate and the closing and reopening of Balboa Blvd. may change depending on traffic conditions.

### Access Changes Also Affect Bicyclists & Pedestrians

As noted above, bicyclists and pedestrians will not be permitted to enter the street closure area at Balboa Blvd. & W. Coast Hwy. This is intended to reduce the large crowds of people that historically gather in this area. Also, access to the shopping center at Balboa Blvd. & Coast Hwy. will be permitted from Coast Hwy. only. No entry / exit to the center for vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians will be allowed from Balboa Blvd. or River Ave. for the duration of the closure.

### Safety Enhancement Zone

There will again be a Safety Enhancement Zone in the area bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the south, 32<sup>nd</sup> St. and Newport Blvd. on the east, W. Coast Hwy. on the north and 54<sup>th</sup> St. on the west. The Safety Zone designation is effective from 12:01 a.m. on July 4 to 3 a.m. on July 5. Fines within this area will be triple the normal amount during this timeframe and can be up to \$1,000.

## **Fines for Loud or Raucous Parties (Municipal Code Section 10.58.030)**

Property owners and/or party hosts are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Loud and raucous parties requiring a police response could result in a citation or arrest for those present, and fines for property owners and tenants. Violations are tracked through the issuance of Disturbance Advisement Cards (DACs) and the fines increase with each successive offense. Fines in the Safety Enhancement Zone are tripled on the Fourth of July, and short-term lodging permits (for vacation rentals) can be temporarily revoked for up to 60 days. Please contact Investigator Dave Sanborn, Newport Beach Police Department, at 949-644-3652 for more information about the DAC process.

The Police Department is informing the owners / renters of houses known for routinely hosting large, unruly parties about their responsibilities as party hosts and the increased fines (in the Safety Enhancement Zone) for anyone cited for hosting a loud or raucous party.

If you plan to host a holiday party in West Newport, please follow these guidelines:

- Limit the number of guests invited and don't allow strangers to attend uninvited. As the host, you are ultimately responsible for the conduct of everyone that attends your party.
- Be sure that no alcoholic beverages leave your property. Possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages or consumption of those beverages in public is illegal.
- Ensure that no minors consume alcoholic beverages while at your party.
- Limit noise and raucous behavior. Keep music volumes low and all speakers indoors.
- Do not allow any guest to throw water balloons or spray water at pedestrians or vehicles.
- Ask guests to limit their travel in and out of West Newport due to the traffic restrictions.
- Be courteous to your neighbors and take your party indoors after dark. Close doors and windows to prevent loud voices and music from disturbing others.
- Keep your outdoor lights on — it helps deter criminal activity.

Please remember that you are responsible for your party and could be cited or arrested if the Police Department must address unlawful conduct at your home. You could also be billed up to \$1,000 for police services.

## **Rooftop Hazards**

People gathering on rooftops is a safety hazard that may violate building code ordinances. City Building Dept. inspectors will be working with the Police Department to address those violations.

## **Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited in Public Areas**

Possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages on streets, sidewalks, beaches, piers or other public areas is prohibited. Violators are subject to citation or arrest.

## **Fireworks Prohibited**

It is illegal to possess or use fireworks in the City of Newport Beach. This includes "safe and sane" fireworks such as fountains and sparklers that can be purchased in nearby cities. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend one of the many public shows planned throughout the area.

## **No Water Balloons, Squirtn Guns and Garden Hoses**

Throwing water balloons or spraying water at pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles is illegal. Violators are subject to citation or arrest.

## **Parking**

The City parking lots on Finley Ave. (City Hall) and on Superior Ave. (at Coast Hwy.) will be closed from July 3 at 7 p.m. until July 5 at 7 a.m.

On-street and other public parking will be extremely limited in the West Newport area. All residents and visitors are cautioned to park in legal, public spaces or their own, private spaces or garages. Vehicles parked illegally will be issued parking citations and may be towed. (The NBPD issued more than 600 parking citations on July 4, 2009 so please be mindful of where and how long your vehicle is parked.)

## **Beach & Pier Information**

All ocean and bay front beaches are open to the public from the hours of 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. This includes the areas from the Santa Ana River Jetty to Crystal Cove State Park. Crystal Cove beaches close at sunset. Please swim near a lifeguard tower as ocean currents and surf can be strong, shifting and dangerous. Portable barbecues are not allowed on any City beaches. For those that wish to barbecue, fire rings and public barbecues are available near the Balboa Pier and at Corona del Mar State Beach from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. The Newport and Balboa Piers are open from 5 a.m. until midnight. Restaurants are located on both piers and their hours may vary. Public restroom facilities are available at the base of both piers.

## **Independence Day Events and Activities**

Enjoy Newport Beach traditions such as the American Legion's Old Glory Boat Parade in the harbor (visit [www.al291.com/main.htm](http://www.al291.com/main.htm) or call 949-673-5070 for details), the Independence Day Parade & Celebration, and, of course, public and private fireworks displays. Two City-sponsored events include:

### **Independence Day Parade & Celebration**

This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 3. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. (at the corner of Commodore & Mariners Drive) and the celebration will be from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The festivities include entertainment, face painting, arts & crafts and more. For information or to purchase wristbands for the celebration, please visit [www.marinersfoundation.com](http://www.marinersfoundation.com).

### **Fireworks Extravaganza**

The City is again co-sponsoring a Fireworks Extravaganza with the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort, 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach. The fireworks show will begin at 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, but the Dunes has planned a full day of activities for those interested in spending the holiday by the Back Bay. There is a \$35 per car parking fee. For more information, please visit [www.newportdunes.com](http://www.newportdunes.com) or call (949) 729-DUNE.

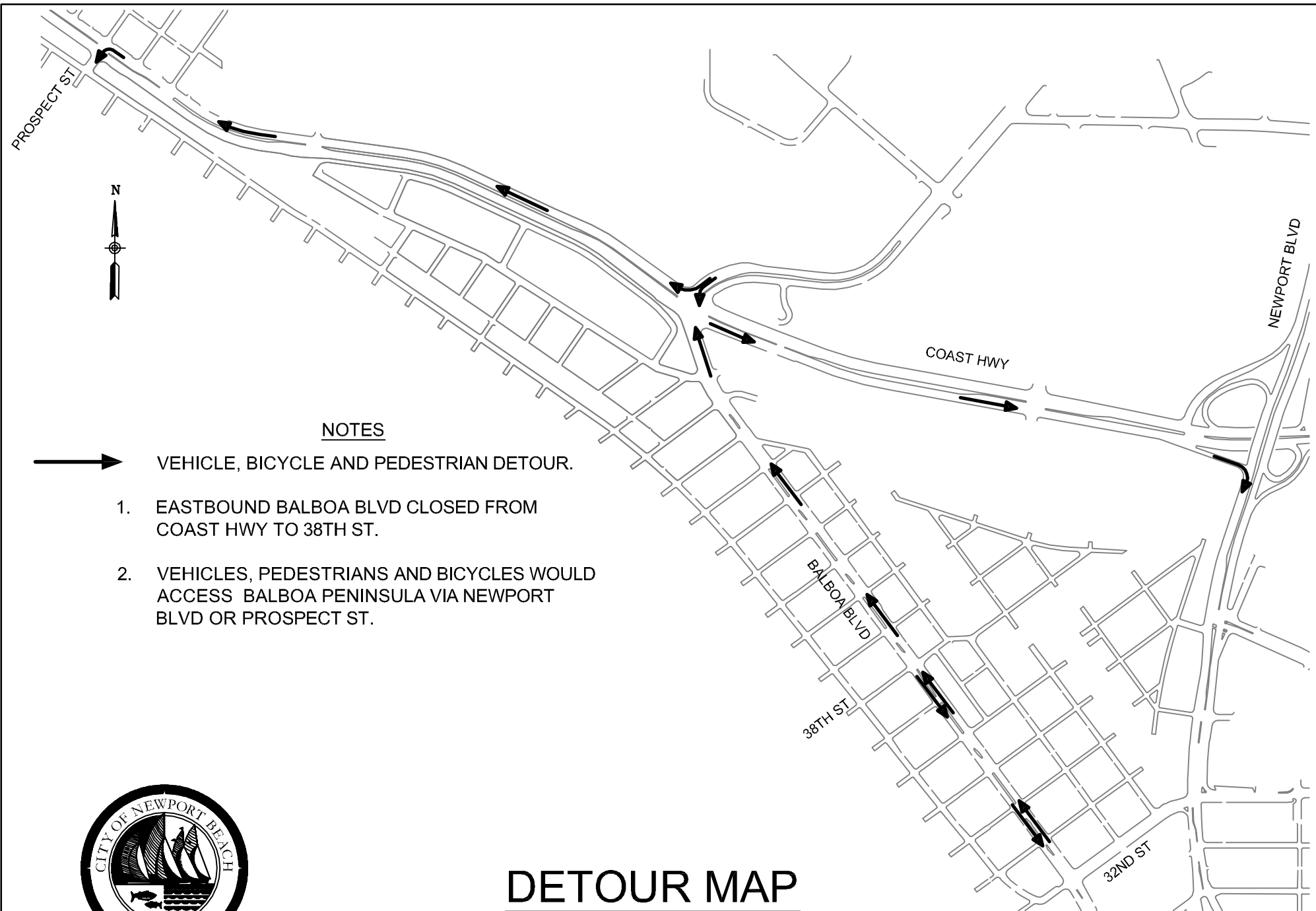
### **For More Information**

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To obtain information over the holiday weekend:  
Newport Beach Police Department: 949-644-3717  
Emergencies: Call 9-1-1

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, we wish you a happy, fun and safe Independence Day.



#### NOTES



VEHICLE, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN DETOUR.

1. EASTBOUND BALBOA BLVD CLOSED FROM COAST HWY TO 38TH ST.
2. VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES WOULD ACCESS BALBOA PENINSULA VIA NEWPORT BLVD OR PROSPECT ST.



## DETOUR MAP

### APPROXIMATELY 12 PM TO 6 PM

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